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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 28, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 and include an attached replacement sheet for Figure 46.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12.

An Appendix, including a replacement drawing sheet for Figure 46, is included following page 15.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Van Leeuwen & Van Leeuwen, Deposit Account No. 50-3754.